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It has now been ascertained that the correct name for the permanent central board referred to is the Consejo Central Yugoslavo (Yugoslav Central Council). This Council, with an apparent non-political representation, is a front organization intended to assume the responsibilities of Yugoslavia Libre in directing the activities of Yugoslav Communists in Argentina. This recent movement was accelerated by the fear of possible police suppression of Yugoslavia Libre. The headquarters of the Consejo Central Yugoslavo are located at Avenida Almirante Brown 721, Buenos Aires, which also houses the Sociedad Yugoslava de Socorros Mutuos (Yugoslav Mutual Aid Society), a Communist-dominated organization controlled by Yugoslavia Libre.

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2. Approximately 500,000 Argentine pesos were collected from Yugoslavs throughout Argentina for the purpose of financing the Council. Slogans claiming aid for the homeland and war victims were used to collect the money, but the majority of the funds collected will be used to finance local Communist activities, particularly Federacion Juvenil Yugoslava (Yugoslav Youth Federation), one of the most rabid Communist groups in Argentina.
3. The actual direction of the Council is being handled by Peter Zanetic, Secretary General, and Ivo Sazunic (Sazanic), Treasurer. Zanetic is known to be a Communist, while Sazunic's political ideology is not known.
4. The newspaper, Yugoslovenski Iseljenicki Vjesnik, is now directed by the newly created Council and is no longer the official organ of the Yugoslavia Libre.

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